

House Resolution 590

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57th, Hill of the 180th, Smith of the 70th, Dempsey of the 13th, Hugley of the 133rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses, the Chinese Peoples
2 Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong,
3 and Mike Eskew, former CEO of UPS; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, since November 16, 2008, the High Museum of Art in Atlanta has featured an
5 exhibition inspired by one of the greatest archeological discoveries of the 20th century, *The*
6 *First Emperor: China's Terracotta Army*; and

7 WHEREAS, featuring 100 works, including 15 terracotta figures, the exhibition represents
8 one of the largest groups of important works relating to the First Emperor ever to be loaned
9 to the United States by the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses; and

10 WHEREAS, initially discovered in 1974, the famed terracotta army stood guard over the vast
11 underground palace tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shihuangdi, serving as integral
12 players in the king's afterlife; and

13 WHEREAS, Qin Shihuangdi is a crucial figure in China's history, seen as one of the greatest
14 military leaders of all time for building on his state's martial prowess and utilizing strategic
15 skills to conquer rival territories and establish the Qin Empire; and

16 WHEREAS, the objects on view at *The First Emperor* are a representation of both the
17 military and civilian worlds of Qin Shihuangdi as well as a demonstration of his desire to
18 exert the same control in his afterlife that he displayed during his rule of China; and

19 WHEREAS, other great accomplishments during the Qin Empire included the establishment
20 of a unified law code, coinage, script, and a system of weight and measures, which can be
21 seen in the High Museum's exhibition, displaying such artifacts as coin molds and weights
22 and measures inscribed with the emperor's decree for standardization; and

23 WHEREAS, the awe inspiring exhibit will remain on display in Atlanta until April 19, 2009,
24 and museum visitors and the State of Georgia have the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors
25 and Horses, the Chinese Peoples Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, Chinese
26 Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong, and Mike Eskew, former CEO of UPS, to thank for the once
27 in a lifetime opportunity to witness history up close.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body recognize the High Museum of Art exhibit, *The First Emperor:*
30 *China's Terracotta Army*, and extend their most sincere gratitude to the Museum of the
31 Terracotta Warriors and Horses, the Chinese Peoples Association for Friendship with Foreign
32 Countries, and Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong for sharing these breathtaking artifacts
33 with the State of Georgia and to Mike Eskew, former CEO of UPS, for being instrumental
34 in assisting in bringing the exhibit to Atlanta.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chinese Ambassador Zhou
37 Wenzhong.